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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**PROPOSAL FOR MANDATORY RECYCLING  
THROUGHOUT THE CITY, INCLUDING  
CONDO AND APARTMENT COMPLEXES AND BUSINESSES  
*Will Extend Life of City's Landfill***

**DATE AND TIME: Thursday, April 5 at 11 a.m.**

**LOCATION: Miramar Landfill  
5180 Convoy Street  
Kearny Mesa**

A proposed ordinance by the City Attorney's Office would require mandatory recycling throughout the City, including condo and apartment complexes and businesses where recycling is often unavailable. Mandatory Recycling will help extend the useful life of the City's only landfill beyond 2012.

If approved by the City Council, the ordinance will assist the City in its efforts to reduce waste and comply with California's Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, which requires that each local jurisdiction in the State divert 50% of waste from landfill disposal. Mandatory recycling programs have been adopted by other cities in the County of San Diego.

Currently, single family residential customers of the City of San Diego are provided with blue recycling containers and recycling is voluntary. Multi-family residential and commercial customers served by the Franchised Waste Haulers recycle only on a voluntary basis.

The first city in the nation to adopt mandatory recycling was Philadelphia in 1987.

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